GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF JET KERO ATF
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Oil Companies have requested the Government to consider for imposing restrictions on the export of Jet-Kero/Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): The oil marketing companies (OMCs) distributing PDS kerosene represented to the Government in February-March 2005 that stand-alone refineries, in both public and private sectors, were not offering the required quantities of kerosene at the appropriate prices for PDS kerosene. In consequence, OMCs were being obliged to import kerosene at higher prices even while some stand-alone refineries were exporting Jet kerosene/Aviation Turbine Fuel, a product equivalent to Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO). Apprehending that the non-availability of domestically produced SKO at the required prices for the PDS might assume critical proportion, the Government began consideration of various options to ensure availability of kerosene for PDS, including restriction on export of Jet kerosene/ATF. Meanwhile, as a result of intensive consultation held during the period April-July 2005 among all concerned, including stand-alone refineries, there was a substantial improvement in the availability of kerosene at the appropriate prices for the Public Distribution System (PDS). The situation is being kept under close review.